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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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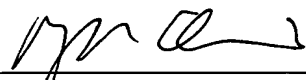
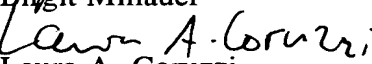
search was made, or that the cited items are inclusive of all the relevant and material citations that may be available publicly.

Copies of each cited reference are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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